

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

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| PAUL NELSON, | : | |
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| Plaintiff, | : | Case No. 2:14-cv-238 |
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| v. | : | Judge Watson |
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| BALL CORPORATION, <i>et al.</i>, | : | Magistrate Judge Abel |
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| Defendants. | : | |

STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER

The parties to this action, Defendant Ball Corporation and Defendant Ball Metal Food Container, LLC (“Defendants”) and Plaintiff Paul Nelson (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Parties”, or singularly as a “Party”) and, by their respective counsel, hereby stipulate and request that the Court enter a mutual protective order pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 as follows:

1. The Protective Order shall be entered pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
2. The Protective Order shall govern all materials deemed to be “Confidential Information.” Such Confidential Information shall include the following:
 - (a) Any and all documents from the personnel files of any of Defendants’ current and/or former employees or contractors, including documents related to an individual’s job performance; wages or benefits; social security number; birthdate; contact information (*e.g.*, addresses, telephone numbers, and/or email addresses); and anything prepared for, derived from or incorporating the foregoing;
 - (b) Any and all documents from the medical or workers’ compensation files of any of Defendants’ current and/or former employees or contractors, and anything prepared for, derived from or incorporating the foregoing;

- (c) Any documents containing Defendants' confidential, proprietary, and/or trade secret information, and anything prepared for, derived from or incorporating the foregoing.

3. In the case of documents and the information contained therein, designation of Confidential Information produced shall be made by placing the following legend on the face of the document and each page so designated "CONFIDENTIAL" or otherwise expressly identified as confidential. The Parties will use their best efforts to limit the number of documents designated "CONFIDENTIAL."

4. Inadvertent or prior production of any document and/or information without a designation of "CONFIDENTIAL" will not be deemed to waive a Party's claim to its confidential nature or prohibit any Party from subsequently designating said document or information as "CONFIDENTIAL." Rather, documents produced but not stamped as "CONFIDENTIAL," may retroactively be so stamped and shall not be construed to be a waiver, in whole or in part, of that Party's claims of confidentiality. However, disclosure by the other Party prior to such later designation shall not be deemed a violation of the provisions of this Order.

5. Confidential Information shall be held in confidence by each qualified recipient to whom it is disclosed, shall be used only for purposes of this action, shall not be used for any business purpose, and shall not be disclosed to any person who is not a qualified recipient. All produced Confidential Information shall be carefully maintained so as to preclude access by persons who are not qualified recipients.

6. Qualified recipients shall include only the following:

- (a) In-house counsel and law firms for each Party and the secretarial, clerical and paralegal staff of each;
- (b) Court reporters (including videographers) and their staff;

- (c) Persons other than legal counsel who have been retained or specially employed by a Party to conduct investigative work or fact research;
- (d) Persons retained by either Party to this Order to furnish expert services or advice or to give expert testimony in this action (and their employees);
- (e) Deponents during the course of their depositions or potential witnesses of this case;
- (f) The parties to this litigation, their officers and professional employees;
- (g) Outside photocopying, data processing or graphic production services employed by the parties or their counsel to assist in this Proceeding; and
- (h) The Court, Court personnel and jurors.

7. Each counsel shall be responsible for providing notice of the Protective Order and the terms therein to persons to whom they disclose Confidential Information, as defined by the terms of the Protective Order. Persons to whom Confidential Information is shown shall be informed of the terms of this Order, and advised of the potential penalties for breach. Deponents may be shown Confidential Information during their deposition, but shall not be permitted to keep copies of said Confidential Information nor any portion of the deposition transcript reflecting the Confidential Information.

8. If either Party objects to the other Party's contention that information should be deemed CONFIDENTIAL, that Party's counsel shall inform opposing counsel in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Confidential Information that the information should not be so deemed, and the parties shall attempt first to dispose of such disputes in good faith and on an informal basis. If the Parties are unable to resolve their dispute, they must request a telephonic conference with the Court for assistance in resolving the dispute prior to filing any motion with

the Court objecting to such status. The information shall continue to be treated as Confidential Information during the pendency of any such motion.

8. If a Party desires to use Confidential Information in a Court filing that was marked CONFIDENTIAL by the opposing party, the Party seeking to file the Confidential Information must, at the earliest foreseeable opportunity, request consent from the opposing party to file the material in its un-redacted state prior to filing it. If consent is not obtained, then the filing Party must file a motion for leave to file the document under seal in accordance with the Court's procedures for filing sealed documents. S.D. Ohio L.R. 79.2.

9. All Confidential Information produced in this action shall be used only for purposes of this litigation and not for any other purpose.

10. The termination of this action shall not relieve the Parties and persons obligated hereunder from their responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of information designated CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to this Order.

11. Upon termination of this action by entry of a final judgment (inclusive of any appeals or petitions for review), the Parties may request the return of all previously furnished Confidential Information, including any copies thereof, and each person or Party to whom such Confidential Information has been furnished or produced shall be obligated to return it within thirty (30) days of said request.

12. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as an admission as to the relevance, authenticity, foundation or admissibility of any document, material, transcript, or other information.

13. Nothing in the Protective Order shall be deemed to preclude any Party from seeking and obtaining, on an appropriate showing, a modification of this Order.

STIPULATED TO THIS 1ST DAY OF MAY, 2014.

MICHAEL T. CONWAY & COMPANY

LITTLER MENDELSON, P.C.

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authorization received 04/30/14)
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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: May 2, 2014

s/Mark R. Abel
Mark R. Abel, U.S. Magistrate Judge

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